

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application.

Specification

The Examiner stated that the specification is objected to as failing to meet the preferred layout. The specification has been amended.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner stated that claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hogan et al. (Patent No 5,483,587), hereinafter Hogan, in view of Eran (Pub. No US 2005/0069114 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons stated below.

As stated in MPEP § 2143.01, to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974).

As set forth above and incorporated herein above, Hogan fails to disclose at least the following:

determining that at least one participant has called in previously to the given caller and has provided a conference code that is at least related to the conference code entered by the given caller; and

requesting that a new conference be created that corresponds to the conference code entered by the given caller.

Hogan, in col. 19, lines 26-32 states, “remind them why they are being contacted and ask them if they still wish to participate.” However, this does not correspond to a participant that has called in previously to the given caller and has provided a conference code that is at least related to the conference code entered by the given caller and requesting that a new conference be created that corresponds to the conference code entered by the given caller. Hogan does not

teach or suggests each of these limitations. Instead, Hogan generally discloses setting up a conference call – see Hogan Fig. 19 which discusses coordinating a conference call, connecting an operator and participants and then releasing the operator. There is no portion of Hogan that: delineates between a previous call and a current call, that delineates between a previous call and a current call to a given caller, that delineates between a conference code related to the conference code entered by the given caller, that delineates between requesting that a new conference be created that corresponds to the conference code entered by the given caller.

For at least the reasons above, Applicant believes the independent claims, as well as the claims that depend from them, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request they be passed to allowance.

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